

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
July 15, 2002  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR PRO TEM ROXANNE M. BURNS PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**            **COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH  
COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS  
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH  
MAYOR PRO TEM BURNS**

**ABSENT:**            **MAYOR JOSEPH M. BUTLER**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **CITY MANAGER JERRY C. HILLER  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU  
CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

Assistant Manager Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- No. 1 - Appointing Eugene R. Renzi Part-Time City Court Judge for the City of Watertown
- No. 2 - Approving Amendment No. 32 to Management and Management Confidential Pay Plan
- No. 3 - Authorizing Water and Sewer Easement
- No. 4 - Authorizing Purchase of Property, Parcel No. 6-08-118, 653 State Street
- No. 5 - Accepting Bid for Alteri Pool Bath House Roof Rehabilitation, Sands Brothers Roofing Co., Inc.
- No. 6 - Approving the Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Matthew J. Cervini of GYMO, P.C., on Behalf of Samaritan Medical Center for the Construction of a Parking Lot at 108 Park Avenue, Parcel No. 11-13-225
- No. 7 - An Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance Dated August 6, 2001 With Respect to the Maximum Estimated Cost of the Reconstruction of the Roof at the Alteri Swimming Pool Located at the Duffy Fairgrounds Authorized Thereby, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, and the Amount of Obligations to be Issued Therefore
- No. 8 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance of \$50,000 Serial Bonds Of The City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Partial Reconstruction of City Hall Consisting Of Reconstruction Of The City Court Area Therein, Located at 245 Washington Street, In and For Said City of Watertown
- No. 9 - LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES – An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$17,000 Serial Bonds Of The City Of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Reconstruction of St. Mary Street Between Lillian Street And Mundy

Street, Including Incidental Drainage, Curbing and Water Main Improvements, In and For Said City of Watertown

No.10 -LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES – An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of \$142,000 Serial Bonds Of The City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York To Pay The Cost Of The Construction of Lateral Sanitary Sewer Lines In The 1000 –1100 Blocks of Water Street, In and For Said City of Watertown

No.11 -LAID OVER UNDER THE RULES – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$237,560 Serial Bonds Of The City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, To Pay The Cost of The Construction or Reconstruction Of Sidewalks At Various Locations Within the City of Watertown

No.12 -Executive Session - Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA

### **COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 2002 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilman Clough, seconded by Councilman Simmons and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns proclaimed the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> as **National Aquatic Week** in the City of Watertown.

### **C O M M U N I C A T I O N S**

From David Cheney, Cheney Tire, Inc. thanking Council for their support of the State Street, Emerson Place improvement project.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From the City Planning Board recommending approval for the site plan and special use permit request submitted on behalf of SMC for the construction of an 18 space parking lot expansion at 108 Park Avenue and 803-811 Washington Street, Parcels No. 11-13-222 through 11-13-225 contingent upon certain requirements as outlined in the resolution.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From Councilman Jeffrey Smith advising Council that he and his wife are interested in purchasing the property at 29 Public Square.

**ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

Claim against the City was received from Edward Demarest, 500 Stone Street, for damage to his vehicle from yellow road paint, which he drove through on Arsenal Street.

**ABOVE CLAIM REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT**

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR EXTENDED**

**James Brett**, 247 Schley Drive, addressed the chair concerning the fountain. He asked about the funding that was supposed to be available through New York State in connection with the window replacement at the hydro facility.

Mr. Hiller explained that, in the end, the State determined that the windows did not need to be replaced and therefore, those funds were not forthcoming. However, the City is hoping to be successful in the second round of the T-21 grant and some of those monies could be used for the fountain. He also stated that the capital budget has a \$25,000 line item for it as well. The fountain pieces have been placed in secure storage. An ironwork foundry has been contacted and representatives will be here near the end of the month. They will then do an analysis and will supply an estimate. Mr. Hiller also commented that staff is looking at putting in a temporary spray fountain.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns commended staff for suggesting something for the interim.

Mr. Brett asked for Council permission to continue with the fund raising drive.

**Donald Thompson**, 710 Morrison Street, addressed the chair concerning the ongoing problems with the salt pile. He asked if the City steps in when business practices affect neighboring properties. He asked if the City had communicated with American Rock Salt about the problems with the kill zones. He also commented that Mr. Cleaves had filled in a drainage ditch and also questioned the fill used by Mr. Cleaves beneath the pad.

Councilman Clough commented that he had discussed these ongoing problems with Mr. Hiller.

Mr. Hiller explained that Mr. Liu is in correspondence with Ann Rice, DEC Regional Engineer about these concerns. He stated that the laboratory study is ongoing.

Councilman Clough stated that Mr. Liu has concerns and is pushing hard to have these concerns addressed.

**Rose Ward**, 522 Mohawk Street, questioned why she should have to pay city taxes when Cayuga Avenue isn't paved.

Councilman Clough commented that Ms. Ward has brought this to Council's attention several times.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns asked Mr. Hayes to discuss this situation with Mr. Hiller.

## **R E S O L U T I O N S**

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH**

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown that Eugene R. Renzi is hereby appointed as Part-Time City Court Judge for the City of Watertown to fill the unexpired term of Paul J. Dierdorf, which term commences immediately and expires on ~~December 31, 2006.~~ \*

**\*Motion was made by Councilman Smith to amend the expiration date to July 15, 2008. Motion was seconded by Councilman Clough and carried with all voting in favor thereof.**

### **SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED AS AMENDED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Following the vote on the resolution, all Council members commended Judge Renzi.

Judge Renzi addressed the Council stating that he looks forward to the opportunity to serve the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns commented that she was pleased to have the number of applicants apply for the position.

### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown approves Amendment No. 32 to the Management Salary Pay Plan, in order to establish the hourly compensation for the position listed below, effective July 25, 2002:

City Comptroller (McCauley)	\$35.00
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**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Following the vote on the foregoing resolution, Councilman Clough asked how the search was going.

Mr. Hiller explained that the expanded search has resulted in four finalists who will be interviewed next week. He explained that there were about 30 applicants in all.

Councilman Simmons commented that the City is very fortunate to have Mr. McCauley who is willing to stay on for the interim.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

WHEREAS in connection with the NYS Route 3 sewer project and the Route 3 water line, it has been determined that a water and sewer easement is needed across City property located in the Town of LeRay on NYS Rt. 3 East, Black River Road, Tax Parcel No. 83.08-1-68, and

WHEREAS the Town of LeRay is requesting a permanent right-of way easement to lay, construct, operate and maintain said water and sewer laterals,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Pro-Tem Roxanne M. Burns to execute the Easement Grant on behalf of the City of Watertown, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown has submitted a comprehensive grant for \$750,000 to fund housing rehabilitation, homeownership, and public facility improvements in a target area within the Near East Side Neighborhood Improvement District around the Emerson Place project, and

WHEREAS in order to move this project forward, the City is being asked to acquire and demolish certain properties within the Near East Side Neighborhood Improvement District, and

WHEREAS Neighbors of Watertown has entered into an Option Agreement to purchase Parcel No. 6-08-118, located at 653 State Street, and

WHEREAS in support of the plans to improve the Near East Side Neighborhood, it is the City's desire to acquire and demolish the property located at 653

State Street,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the purchase of Parcel No. 6-08-118, at a purchase price of \$40,000 plus closing costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph M. Butler is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Watertown, any and all documents necessary to purchase said property.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

WHEREAS the City Purchasing Department has advertised and received sealed bids for the rehabilitation of the Alteri pool bath house roof, and

WHEREAS invitations to bid were issued to four (4) prospective bidders, with two (2) bids being received, and

WHEREAS on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., the bids received were publicly opened and read, and

WHEREAS Robert J. Cleaver, Purchasing Agent, reviewed the bids and is recommending that the City Council accept the bid submitted by Sands Brothers Roofing Co., Inc., of Antwerp, New York, in the amount of \$82,000, as the lowest responsive bidder meeting the City's specifications,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown accepts the bid submitted by Sands Brothers Roofing Co., Inc., of Antwerp, New York, for the rehabilitation of the Alteri pool bath house roof at a cost of \$82,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adoption of this resolution is contingent on City Council approval of the bond ordinance that funds this project.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

WHEREAS Matthew J. Cervini of GYMO, P.C., has made application for a Special Use Permit on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center, to allow the construction of a parking lot at 108 Park Avenue, Parcel No. 11-13-225, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the request for the Special Use Permit at its meeting held on July 2, 2002, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the request as submitted, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed Special Use Permit on August 5, 2002, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2 and has determined that the project, as submitted, is Unlisted and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed Special Use Permit to allow the construction of a parking lot constitutes an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA, and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to Matthew J. Cervini of GYMO, P.C., on behalf of Samaritan Medical Center, to allow the construction of a parking lot at 108 Park Avenue, Parcel No. 11-13-225.

**SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROXANNE M. BURNS**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2002 7:30 P.M.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

## **ORDINANCES**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, has adopted a bond ordinance on August 6, 2001, authorizing the issuance of \$50,000 serial bonds of said City to pay the cost of the reconstruction of the roof at the Alteri swimming pool located at the Duffy Fairgrounds, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to increase the maximum estimated cost of such purpose and the amount of serial bonds to be issued for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The title and Sections 1, 2 and 3 of bond ordinance dated August 6, 2001 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“BOND ORDINANCE DATED AUGUST 6, 2001.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$85,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROOF AT THE ALTERI SWIMMING POOL LOCATED AT THE DUFFY FAIRGROUNDS, IN AND FOR SAID CITY.

“Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the reconstruction of the roof at the Alteri swimming pool located at the Duffy Fairgrounds, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$85,000 serial bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

“Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$85,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$85,000 serial bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

“Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a)(1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.”

Section 4. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.



Section 5. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

**Laid over under the rules**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the partial reconstruction of City Hall consisting of reconstruction of the City Court area therein, located at 245 Washington Street, in and for the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$50,000 serial bonds of said City pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$50,000 and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$50,000 serial bonds of said City authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond ordinance.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision 12 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, said building being a class "A" building within the meaning of subdivision 11 of said paragraph.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on

such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the City, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the City Comptroller shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Watertown Daily Times, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH**

**Laid over under the rules.**

**THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$17,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ST. MARY STREET BETWEEN LILLIAN STREET AND MUNDY STREET, INCLUDING INCIDENTAL DRAINAGE, CURBING AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, IN AND FOR SAID CITY WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL** (Introduced on July 1, 2002; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 162 of the 2002 Minutes Book)

Mayor Pro Tem Burns explained that this ordinance and the one concerning the construction and/or reconstruction of sidewalks should be discussed together.

Mr. Hiller explained that Mr. Liu has contacted other cities concerning the amount of the bid and the range is the same in the other communities. He explained that they would be finalizing the report with some other data relative to the costs and numbers associated with doing the work in house in various communities. He stated that the preliminary figures indicate that even if the work was rebid, it won't change the numbers very much.

Mrs. Corriveau referred to the information she prepared for the agenda reports concerning the bond ordinances.

Councilman Clough remarked that he would like to continue with the present policy since there has been no policy change put on the books. He stated that he doesn't think Council will go for \$100 + for each block. He stated that this should be amended so it is part of the project for bonding by the City.

Councilman Smith responded that when there are sidewalk problems and property owners are cited, they have to pay 100% of the cost. He stated that it is not fair for those people when others get free sidewalks due to these projects. He stated that the policy should be consistent whether the street is being repaired or not.

Councilman Clough stated that the Code is enforced only by someone turning in the sidewalk complaint. He stated that the City should take responsibility to get these capital projects done.

Councilman Simmons stated that he agrees with Councilman Clough due to the fact that Council put this on hold at the last meeting until next year.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns commented that these projects need to move forward.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS TO TABLE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF LATERAL SANITARY SEWER LINES IN THE 1000-1100 BLOCKS OF WATER STREET, IN AND FOR SAID CITY WAS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.** (Introduced on July 1,2002; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 163 of the 2002 Minutes Book)

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$237,560 SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK TO PAY THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY.** (Introduced on July 1,2002; laid over under the rules; appears in its entirety on page 164 of the 2002 Minutes Book)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS TO TABLE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS**

### **Police Department Organization and Staffing Study**

Mr. Morse and Mr. Sota, representatives from MMA Consulting Group, Inc. addressed the chair explaining the study, which was presented to Council this evening. The study required an analysis of the current rank structure, deployment and scheduling of personnel, workload and the organizational structure of the Department. The consultants outlined the recommendations and commented that Watertown's Police Department is a lean department where the personnel actually work more hours than they have seen in other departments. They explained that there is a good work ethic in the department and they were impressed with the openness and willingness of the officers to speak candidly with them.

Mr. Hiller explained that some of the suggestions in the report would require negotiations with the union.

Council members suggested that Mr. Morse and Mr. Sota might return at a later date to address any questions that they might have after they have had time to read the report in its entirety.

### **Fire Study**

Mr. Morse explained that this report should be finished in August. At the present time, the consultants are working on computer mapping and data analysis as well as applying the latest national standards.

### **Signage for Industrial Park**

Councilman Clough commented that the City needs to move ahead with signage for the Industrial Park. He stated that Alteri's Bakery is the only tenant and there is no signage to indicate where they are.

Councilman Simmons indicated that discussions on this started up again about 3 months ago.

Mr. Hiller indicated that the City approached NYS DOT about a year ago for directional signs, which were placed on Bellew Avenue and Coffeen Street. The City is currently working on a plan to put together a sign identifying the park and all tenants. This would also include the City's Police Department. The City, JCJDC and the Watertown Trust are working with the landowner near the intersection in an effort to finding land to place the sign on.

### **Sales Tax and Hydro Revenues**

Councilman Clough asked about these.

Mr. Hiller explained that Mr. McCauley had received the sales tax check today. The finalized figures will be prepared for Council.

Mrs. Corriveau will prepare a report for Council relative to the hydro revenues.

### **Long Term CSO Control Plan**

Mr. Hiller explained that they would like to have the participants in place for this. He asked Council members to supply a list of names to represent the City. He stated that the committee would be fairly active over the next 18 months.

### **Public Square Fountain**

Councilman Clough remarked that he would like to see the City look to the general public for input on the fountain. He stated that the T-21 grant would be a perfect opportunity for the City to put up what the people want to see there. He stated that this project would be perfect for the average person to have input on.

Councilman Simmons asked that the fund raising be put on hold until the costs come in at the end of the month.

Councilman Smith commented that waiting for a couple of weeks would be fine and the City should get citizen input on the project.

Mr. Hiller explained that the City would need estimates on the restoration of the statue area. He commented that things such as lighting could be changed. The area could be improved or updated while keeping the core statuary.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns asked that the report be passed on to Mr. Brett.

Mr. Brett asked that Mr. Hiller contact the Gouverneur Iron Works about the repairs.

### **Blighted Properties**

Referring to a list of properties supplied to the Council by Mr. Hiller, Councilman Clough commented that it is time the Council moved forward with demolishing properties such as the Ogilvie property. Concerning the properties not presently owned by the City, he commented that the City should move forward in taking possession of them and then look at estimates to demolish them. He also stated that the City should move ahead with the bonding to pay for the demolition.

Attorney Slye commented that he would hesitate to take all the properties as two have particular environmental concerns.

Mr. Hiller explained that if the City Engineer determines that the structure is unsafe, the City doesn't need to own the property to tear it down. In the case of the Ogilvie property, he explained that the City could probably use EPQ funds to do the analysis.

Mr. Hiller referred to the property at 649 Factory, which is on the list. He stated that the building's roof is beginning to implode. He also explained that he had spoken with Senator Wright, Assemblyman Nortz and Congressman McHugh about any possible funding for these demolitions.

Answering questions posed by Council, Mr. McCauley explained that in order to bond for the demolition, the City has to own the commercial properties. He stated that bonding for this would still leave the City well below the self-imposed debt limit.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns asked that Mr. Hiller and Mr. McWayne supply the Council with a more in depth memo concerning these properties.

Mr. Hiller explained that he would put together a multi-department team to do a comprehensive analysis of the properties and the recommendations for each.

### **Insurance**

Councilman Smith asked about these proposals.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that she had just received the material from the consultant. She will put this together with additional information and forward it to the Council.

Councilman Smith stated that he wanted to see the bids.

### **Library's Front Entrance**

Mayor Pro Tem Burns asked about the status of this.

Mr. Hiller explained that originally the State had wanted the City to amend the original grant and that paperwork was done last year. Now, the state wants to make it an independent grant application. Mr. Mix will be meeting with state representatives shortly.

Mayor Pro Tem Burns asked Mr. Hiller to provide a memo outlining this information, which she might then pass on to the library board.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CLOUGH TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AS IT RELATES TO CSEA.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 9:14 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CLOUGH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SIMMONS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

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Donna M. Dutton, City Clerk